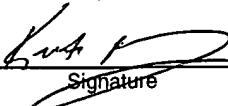


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**Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2003, a reply to which is due April 23, 2003 with a shortened statutory period for reply. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of time with an authorization to charge the fee therefore is filed herewith. Therefore, this reply is due June 23, 2003 and is deemed to be timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

Please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite the following claims: